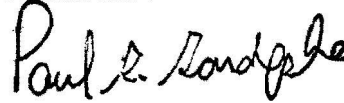


**MEMO ENDORSED:**

ANTHONY L. The application is granted. The Defendant's  
ATTORNEY A sentencing currently scheduled for December 3,  
20 VESEY STREET • 2021 will now take place on **February 4, 2022**  
NEW YORK, NEW YO **at 3:00 p.m.** The Defendant's sentencing  
TEL (212) 791 submission is now due by **January 14, 2022.**  
FAX (212) 964 The Government's submission is now due by  
tonyricco@aol.com **January 21, 2022.**

November 12, 2021

SO ORDERED.



Hon. Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Dated: November 18, 2021

**Re: *United States v. Robert Richards*, Docket No. 20 Cr. 397 (PGG)**

Dear Judge Gardephe:

Defense counsel respectfully submits this letter motion to request a 45 day adjournment of sentencing in the above-referenced criminal matter, which is presently scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

As a result of defense counsel's extraordinary, Covid-19 pandemic related backlog of cases in both state and federal courts, defense counsel seeks adequate additional time to prepare and submit a comprehensive sentencing submission on behalf of the defendant, Robert Richards.<sup>1</sup>

A.U.S.A. Rebecca Dell has been informed of defense counsel's intention to file this application, and has no objection on behalf of the government. Additionally, no previous requests for an adjournment have been made in this matter.

Thank you for your Honor's consideration of this application. If there are any questions, or if additional information is required, please contact me at your Honor's convenience.

Respectfully,



Anthony L. Ricco

cc: A.U.S.A. Rebecca Dell (By E.C.F.)

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<sup>1</sup>During the past 10 days defense counsel has twice been sent out to trial parts for jury selection in Criminal Court matters in both Kings and Bronx Counties. Although neither case proceeded to trial on its respective trial date, counsel had to fully prepare for both trial matters and remain in the respective courthouses all day. Moreover, counsel was also required to make two urgent trips to Philadelphia as part of my duties as Resource Counsel in a federal death penalty case pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.